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John Spencer
Simplot Phosphates, LLC
9401 North Highway 191
Vernal, Utah 84078

Subject: Acceptance of Amended Notice of Intention: Exploration Drilling within the Permitted Area, Simplot Phosphates, LLC., Vernal Phosphate Operation, M/047/0007, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Spencer:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining approves your amended Notice of Intention (NOI) for the exploration drilling within the Vernal Phosphate operation permit boundary. The following proposed activities are inside the boundaries of permit M/047/0007:

Exploration drilling of 23 new holes. All 23 drill holes are proposed inside the Vernal Phosphate operation bonded permit area.

Please submit form MR-EXP-Drill.pdf to the Division after the drill holes are abandoned. This form is available on the Division's web site at https://fs.ogm.utah.gov/pub/mines/minerals_related/forms/MR-EXP-Drill.pdf.

You may commence with your exploration activities as outlined. Please be advised that you are bound by the same mining and reclamation standards as outlined in the original NOI and the R647 rules and must receive written acceptance from this office prior to creating any additional disturbance. A copy of the amendment stamped approved is attached. Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. In reply, please refer to file number M/047/0007.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker
Minerals Program Manager

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Enclosure: Copy of Amendment

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